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Prague, Thursday, 14. December 2000

Re: Draft Audit Report for the Czech Republic (8 – 15 June,2000) – comments

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find the comments to the audit report which we received November 4, 2000. As the comments must be provided within 60 days of the receipt of your letter please find the following :

The audit was conducted from June 8 – 15, 2000 in Czech plants CZ 12 and CZ 15 .

USDA/FSIS inspectors : Dr. Ghias Mughal, Branch Chief, International Audit Staff

Dr. Oto Urban, International Audit Staff Officer

Draft Final Audit Report generated by the Technical Service Center, Omaha, NE, received on Nov.4 2000.

Comments :

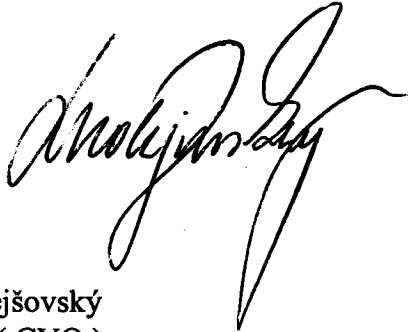
- 1) Report was discussed at the headquarters of the SVA CR, Prague (SVA CR) and relevant district veterinary offices (DVOs) in charge of state veterinary inspection at the plants inspected have been informed about results of the audit.
- 2) Relevant district veterinary offices carried out controls in both plants with the aim to rectify failures found during the audit and the following actions have been charged :
 - Minor failures must be rectified immediately, for basic reconstruction topics (i.e. exchange of some technological equipment etc.) the deadlines have been settled.

- Actualisation and re-evaluation of HACCP and SSOP systems to enforce “ zero tolerance “ policy for fecal contamination and on-site verifications for E.coli tests
- Periodical training for employees of both plants regarding hygienic standards during a meat manipulation HACCP and SSOP has been carried out.
- Places for re-inspection of deboned meat have been settled
- Improvement of documentation keeping (corrective actions) both for management and veterinary service ensured.

I hope these corrective measures will ensure hygienic standards required by the USDA/FSIS regulations and contribute to exports of both inspected plants to the U.S.A.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MVDr Josef Holejšovský', written in a cursive style.

MVDr Josef Holejšovský
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